

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 4:00 PM**

Walter Larkins, Chair
Jessica Schumer, Vice Chair
Becky Blair, Commissioner
Blair Cohn, Commissioner



Milton Duena, Commissioner
Leah Goold-Haws, Commissioner
Austin Metoyer, Commissioner
John Shen, Commissioner
John Thomas, Commissioner

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

Meeting number (access code): 146 888 8750
Meeting password: EDCOct

Commissioners Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn,
Present: Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Brenda Wunsch, Jessica
Schumer and Walter Larkins

Commissioners Milton Duena and Leah Goold-Haws
Absent:

REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn,
Present: Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter
Larkins

Commissioners Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws and Brenda Wunsch
Absent:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [20-054ED](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the meeting held

September 14, 2020.

Attachments: [EDC Meeting Minutes14-Sept-2020.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohn, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws and Brenda Wunsch

2. [20-055ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file an update regarding Economic Development Department communications for the month of September 2020. ..

SUGGESTED ACTION

Approve recommendation.

Attachments: [Oct EDC Monthly Communications Recap Memo.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Economic Development Deputy Director, Sergio Ramirez spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
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Commission Chair Larkins spoke

A motion was made by Vice Chair Schumer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws and Brenda Wunsch

3. [20-056ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a presentation about the Economic Development Commission members including background, bio, and

volunteer experience.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Shen spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohn, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws and Brenda Wunsch

4. [20-057ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a report from the Business Development Officer Seyed Jalali regarding the status of small business loans, grants, and the equitable distribution plan for the City revolving loan fund.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Officer, Jalali, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Economic Development Officer, Jalali, spoke
Economic Development Project Manager Eric Romero spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commissioner Cohn spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Officer, Jalali, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Economic Development Officer, Jalali, spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Incoming Commissioner Shimoyama spoke
Economic Development Officer, Jalali, spoke
Economic Development Project Manager Eric Romero spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Cohn, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws and Brenda Wunsch

5. [20-058ED](#) Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a Study Session and discussion regarding digital inclusion efforts by human-I-T.org Senior Relationship Manager Eileen Harris and other stakeholders.

Attachments: [human-I-T Presentation - EDC.pdf](#)

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Human-I-T.org Senior Relationship Manager Eileen Harris provided a presentation
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Human-I-T.org Senior Relationship Manager Eileen Harris spoke
Dialogue ensued between Commission Vice-Chair Schumer and human-I-T.org Senior Relationship Manager Eileen Harris
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Metoyer spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Economic and Digital Inclusion Program Manager Kauma, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Human-I-T.org Senior Relationship Manager Eileen Harris spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

A motion was made by Commissioner Cohn, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws and Brenda Wunsch

6. [20-059ED](#)

Recommendation to conduct, receive, and file a Study Session and discussion regarding shared goals between the Economic Development Commission and the Human Relations Commission from Commissioners Walter Larkins and Jessica Schumer.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws and Brenda Wunsch

7. [20-060ED](#)

Recommendation to receive and file Commissioner recommendations for future agenda items.

Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Economic Development Director, John Keisler, spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

Economic Development Deputy Director, Sergio Ramirez spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Thomas spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commissioner Blair spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke Incoming Commissioner Shimoyama spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke
Commission Vice-Chair Schumer spoke
Commission Chair Larkins spoke

A motion was made by Commissioner Wunsch, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Becky Blair, Blair Cohn, Blair Cohn, Austin Metoyer, John Thomas, Jessica Schumer and Walter Larkins

Absent: 3 - Milton Duena, Leah Goold-Haws and Brenda Wunsch

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Board on items of interest to the public within the Agency Board jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to two minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting: November 9, 2020 4:00 PM.

I, Bob Mossler, Project Analyst, Economic Development Department certify that the agenda was posted not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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